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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR

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NEWTON ABBOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT - 1961

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Report for the year ended 31st. December, 1961, together with that of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

The Statistics show that there is a considerable difference between the Crude and the Corrected Death Rates. This is due to the fact that many people retire to the district and in consequence there is a much higher proportion of elderly people in this part of the country than there is in the busy industrial areas. The Registrar General overcomes this anomaly by giving each district a factor dependent upon the age structure of the population in that district. Multiplication of the Crude Death Rate by this factor gives the Corrected Death Rate, and it is this rate which must be used in comparing the rate for this district with others.

The Table showing the ages at which the 314 deaths occurred during the year shows that 144, or nearly half, occurred in persons of 75 years of age or more. Only 6 occurred before the age of 45.

The notifications of Infectious Diseases show a rise from 20 in 1960 to 300 in 1961. This is due almost entirely to an epidemic of Measles - 261 cases being notified. Only 8 cases of Measles were reported in 1960. It is characteristic of Measles that epidemics occur alternate years.

Immunisation and Vaccination is now offered to all infants and young children against Smallpox, Diptheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis. Protection for all school children against Tuberculosis is offered at the age of 13. This campaign is proving extremely successful, but parents must be continually reminded of their duty to see that children do receive the protection available, either from their Family Doctor, or from the Child Welfare Clinic. These diseases are still present and are still dangerous. Apathy must be discouraged.

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Only 9 new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year. The constant fight against Tuberculosis is now nearing its end and, provided that there is no relaxation, this disease should become a rarity within but a few years. Lung Cancer is taking the place of Tuberculosis and the rise in the incidence of this disease over the past 20 years is about equal, in the same time, to the fall in the number of cases of Tuberculosis. The prime cause of Lung Cancer is cigarette smoking - a fact now beyond dispute. At the present state of our knowledge the only factor which will reduce the incidence of this disease is to eliminate cigarette smoking. A simple procedure! In any case it is the duty of every parent to see that his children are discouraged from starting this most dangerous habit.

Finally, I should like to thank, once again, the Chairman, Councillors and all members of the staff for the help and co-operation received.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

December, 1962

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area(in acres).....	4,153
Population Mid 1961.....	17,920
Population 1951 Census.....	16,393
Rateable Value as at the 1st. January 1961.....	£296,143
Rateable Value as at the 31st. December, 1961.....	£301,058
Product of 1d. rate as at the 1st. April, 1961.....	£1,205

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	140	115	255
Illegitimate	8	9	17
	148	124	272

Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	15.18
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population	15.48
Crude Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.25
Corrected Live Birth rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	15.39
Live Birth rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	17.4

Still Births

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1

Still Birth rate per 1000 total population	.17
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births	10.09
Still Birth rate per 1000 total live and still births Administrative County of Devon	16.94
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	19.1

Deaths.

The average age at death, from all causes, was found to be 73.1 years. It is of interest to note that the average age of all male deaths was 71.09 years and for female deaths 74.96 years.

Male	Female	Total
144	160	304

Crude Death rate per 1000 total population	16.96
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population	11.02
Crude Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	14.72
Corrected Death rate per 1000 total population Administrative County of Devon	11.63
Death rate per 1000 total population England and Wales	12.0

Infant Mortality
(Death of Infants under One year)

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality rate (Death of Infants under One year) per 1000 related live births	7.35
Infant Mortality rate Administrative County of Devon	15.88
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	21.6

Neo-Natal Mortality
(Death of Infants under Four weeks)

No deaths of Infants under four weeks occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1961.

Neo-Natal Mortality rate (Death of Infants under four weeks) Administrative County of Devon	11.04
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	15.5

Per-Natal Mortality
(Death of Infants under One week)

No deaths of Infants under one week occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1961.

Peri-Natal Mortality rate (Stillbirths and death of Infants under one week per 1,000 total live and still births) Administrative County of Devon	26.33
Corresponding rate for England and Wales	32.2

Maternal Mortality

No maternal deaths occurred in the Newton Abbot Urban District during 1961. No maternal deaths occurred within the Administrative County of Devon.

AGE AT DEATH

	Male	Female
Infants under One week	-	-
Infants under Four weeks	-	-
Infants under One year	1	1
1 - 4	-	-
5 - 14	1	-
15 - 24	-	1
25 - 44	1	1
45 - 64	36	20
65 - 74	49	49
75 and over	56	88
	144	160

Total: 304

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female
All causes	144	160
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	1
Syphilitic disease	-	1
carried forward	1	2

CAUSES OF DEATH (continued)

	Male	Female
Brought forward	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	7	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	5
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	12	10
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
Diabetes	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	24	34
Coronary disease, angina	18	18
Hypertension with heart disease	5	7
Other heart disease	17	28
Other circulatory disease	10	7
Influenza	3	-
Pneumonia	7	10
Bronchitis	11	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	5	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
Congenital malformations	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	19
Motor vehicle accidents	2	2
All other accidents	2	1
Suicide	1	2
	144	160

Total: 304

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Male	Female	Total
Scarlet Fever	2	-	2
Whooping Cough	13	10	23
carried forward	15	10	25

INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)

	Male	Female	Total
brought forward	15	10	25
Measles	122	139	261
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum	1	-	1
Pneumonia	10	2	12
	148	152	300

Total: 300

TUBERCULOSIS

Six cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and two cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified in Newton Abbot during 1961. Details are set out in the following table:-

Age Periods	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under five years	-	-	-	-
5 - 14	-	-	-	1
15 - 24	-	-	-	-
25 - 44	1	2	-	-
45 - 64	2	-	1	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-
	4	2	1	1

Total: 8

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

No official action, under Section 47 of the National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951, was necessary in Newton Abbot during 1961.

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STAFF:

Chief Public Health Inspector.

C.E.Pethick, F.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector.

F.J.Webb.

Clerk.

R.T.Mutton.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL:

Mr Chairman and Councillors,

I submit herewith the Annual Report for the year ending 31st December,1961.

DRAINAGE:

More work was carried out during 1961 under this heading, the number of tests applied being more than double that of the previous year.

Number of premises visited	62
Number of tests applied	204
Number of visits made	230

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS:

1. Inspections.	No.on register.	Inspec-tions.	No.of written Notices.	Occupier prosec-uted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	19	22	3	NIL.
(ii) Factories not included in(i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	72	93	22	NIL.
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	-	18	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.		Found.	Remedied.	Ref to H.M. Insp.	Ref by H.M. Insp.	Prose-cution.
No.of cases in which defects were found.						
Want of cleanliness	(S1)	3	3	-	1	-
Overcrowding	(S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature.	(S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation	(S4)	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS (Cont'd)

2. Cases in which defects were found.	Found.	Remedied.	Ref to H.M. Insp.	Ref by H.M. Insp.	Prosecution.
No. of cases in which defects were found:-					
Ineffective Drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective.	14	10	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	1	-
Other offences (not relating to outwork)	-	-	3	1	-

FOOD INSPECTION.

1. Meat Inspection.

The number of animals dealt with at the abattoir was slightly less than in 1960 but the amount of time spent on inspection was more because of the increase in the number of cattle to be seen. One hundred per cent inspection was still maintained but it should be realised that this particular item takes up a very large proportion of time, and visits to other food handling premises are not as frequent as desired or necessary.

Details of animals slaughtered and results of inspection are shown in the following tables:-

	1956.	1957.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.
Bullocks	3,347	3,680	4,191	4,207	4,409	4,957
Calves	10,737	7,109	6,370	6,260	9,462	9.257
Sheep	10,931	10,123	13,598	19,356	19,087	18,125
Pigs	6,066	5,836	6,863	6,578	7,287	7,666
	31,081	26,748	31,022	36,401	40,245	40,005

FOOD INSPECTION (Cont'd)

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
No.Killed	3881	1076	9257	18125	7666
No.Inspected	3881	1076	9257	18125	7666
All diseases other than Tuberculosis (i) Whole carcases condemned.	2	5	21	95	23
(ii) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	352	276	38	392	344
% of animals inspected affected by disease other than Tuberculosis.	9.14	26.12	0.64	2.69	4.79
Tuberculosis only (i) Whole carcases condemned.		2			
(ii) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	22	21			45
% of animals inspected affected by Tuberculosis.	0.56	2.14			0.59
No.of cases of Cysticercus Bovis.	12				

FOOD INSPECTION (Cont'd)

Unsound Food: During the course of the year, the following foodstuffs have been found to be unfit for human consumption:-

9 Bovine carcases and offals
21 Calf carcases and offals
95 Sheep carcases and offals
23 Pig carcases and offals
93 Bovine heads
46 Pigs heads
1553 Organs and parts
282 lbs of Beef
38 lbs of Mutton
9¾ lbs of Lamb
13 lbs of Pork
222 Tins of Meat/Meat Products
342 Tins of Fruit
14¾ lbs of Fruit
16 Tins of Fish
23 Tins of Tomatoes
104 Tins of Vegetables
47½ lbs of Vegetables
20 Boxes of Apples
2 Christmas Puddings
5 Boxes Currants
1 Jar of Honey
59 Tins of Shrimps
8 Ducks
19 Bottles of Salad Cream
70 lbs of Cake Mix
33 lbs of Spaghetti
66 Jars of Jam
22¼ lbs Barley
14½ lbs of Rolled Oats
49 Tins of Evap Milk
31 Tins of Soup
1 Bot Lemon B arley
201 Packets of Butter
96½ lbs of Butter
1 Tin of Cream
10 Bags of Self Raising Flour
1 Tin of Salt
2 Tins of Sweet Corn
1 Jar of Pickle
172 Bars of Chocolate
152 Packets of Margarine
326 Eggs
200 Packets of Cereal
26 Lbs of Smoked Ham
15 lbs of Chicken
31 Packets of Cheese
8 lbs of Sausages
42 Mince Pies.

FOOD INSPECTION (Cont'd)

Unsound Food.

141 lbs of Cooking Fat
10 lbs of Lard
80 Bottles of Sauce
1 Custard Powder
36 Jam Tarts
58 Fruit Pies
119 Packets of Biscuits.

General.

During the year 238 visits were paid to premises where food handling was carried on.

During the year 22 Informal Notices were served under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

HOUSING:

(i) Number of Council houses constructed NIL.

(ii) Number of private houses constructed 114.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS.

A summary of the work carried out under this heading is as follows:-

(i) Number of houses inspected for defects 67

(ii) Number of inspections made 237

(iii) Number of Informal Notices Served 15

(iv) Number of Statutory Notices Served:-

(a) Under Section 9, Housing Act,1957 NIL.

(b) Under Section 17,Housing Act,1957 NIL.

(c) Under Public Health Act,1936 1

(v) Number of dwellings rendered fit 12

Housing and House Purchase Act,1959.

Advantage continues to be taken of the Improvement Grant Schemes but it is unfortunate that more use is not made of this scheme in connection with tenanted houses.

HOUSING AND HOUSE PURCHASE ACT,1959(Cont'd)

(i) No.of properties receiving grant:-

(a) Standard Grant	21
(b) Discretionary Grant	8
(ii) No.of inspections carried out	171

RODENT CONTROL.

Two treatments of the sewerage system were carried out during the year 56 manholes being baited and poisoned.

In addition 31 business premises and 37 private premises were treated for infestation a total of 188 visits being made.

STAFF.

No change of staff has taken place during the year and I would record my thanks to Mr Webb and Mr Mutton for the help and co-operation I have received from them.

I would also like to record my thanks to colleagues for their co-operation during the year and to the Chairman and members of the Council for their consideration and support.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

Chief Public Health Inspector.